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1. ISADORE IRVING DAVIDSON (201-041581) BORN 19 JAN 21,

PITTSBURGH, REGISTERED DEC 63 AS AGENT FOR DUVALIER GOVT. HAS ALSO
 AT VARIOUS TIMES REPRESENTED NICARAGUA, ECUADOR, ISRAEL AND INDONESIA
 AND REPORTEDLY HAS CLOSE FRIEND PRESIDENT BALAGUER OF DOMREP. HE
 OFTEN REPORTED HIS ACTIVITIES TO USUAL OFFICIALS AND AS RESULT
 HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE REPORTING BY HVIDEA AND LNEBGO.
 FILE INDICATES SUBJECT IS VERY SUCCESSFUL CON MAN AND POSSIBLE
 SECURITY RISK, INCLUDING SPECULATION THAT, FOR HIS OWN BENEFIT,
 HE IDENTIFIED COS PORT AU PRINCE TO DUVALIER IN 1963 WITH RESULT
 COS EXPELLED. FILE ALSO INDICATES DAVIDSON ROUTINELY EXAGGERATES
 OR DISTORTS FACTS FOR OWN BENEFIT, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS CLAIMING
 CLOSE PERSONAL CONTACTS AND INFLUENCE AT HIGHEST LEVELS LMBUZZ WHEN
 DEALING WITH FOREIGN CLIENTS. HE DESCRIBED AS FAST TALK ARTIST WILLING
 PARTICIPATE IN ANY BUSINESS PROPOSITION FOR A COMMISSION. DAVIDSON
 ALSO CLOSE ASSOCIATE COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON, WITH WHOM SHARED OFFICE

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SPACE IN 1963, AND HAS USED THIS ASSOCIATION TO INFLUENCE POTENTIAL
FOREIGN CLIENTS.

2. IN LIGHT ABOVE INFO, BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT CONTACT ZEA
{LNERGO AUTHORIZATION FOR BKHERALD CONTACT WITH HIM HAS BEEN RECEIVED}.
WE MUST ASSUME THAT DAVIDSON WOULD BECOME WITTING ANY BKHERALD
RELATIONSHIP WITH ZEA, AND GIVEN DAVIDSON TRACK RECORD, HE WOULD
NOT HESITATE USE THAT KNOWLEDGE FOR PERSONAL GAIN. HQS INCLINED SHARE
LIMA VIEW {PARA 7 REF B} THAT COUP PLOT, IF SUCH INDEED EXISTS,
UNLIKELY DEVELOP INTO SERIOUS THREAT TO VELASCO GOVT. IN SUM
THEREFORE, POTENTIAL INTEL OR EARLY WARNING TO BE OBTAINED BY
BKHERALD CONTACTING SUPPOSED PLOTTER NOT SUFFICIENT IN HQS VIEW TO
JUSTIFY FLAP POTENTIAL INHERENT IN MAKING THIS CONTACT.

3. FILE 58-9-2, 201-041581. E2, IMPDET.H

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COMMENT: DAVIDSON CONTACTED LNERGO 5 OCTOBER TO ADVISE THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY SOUTH AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN FERNANDO (LNU), SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED AS COLUMBIAN CIT FERNANDO ZEA, WHO CLAIMED BE INVOLVED IN PLANNING COUP TO OUST PRESIDENT VELASCO DURING LATTER PART OF OCTOBER 72. CLAIMED COUP LEADERS ANXIOUS DEMONSTRATE TO LNUZZ THEY NOT COMMUNISTS AND ZEA WILLING SHOW "BATTLE PLANS" TO BKHERALD.

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